

**A LIST OF BEETLES RECORDED FROM KIMBERS,
MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE 1964 –1994**

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SINCE RETURNING from Kenya in 1964, I have lived on the edge of town at Spring Cottage, Kimbers Lane, Maidenhead (vice-county 22, SU 884793, 35 metres altitude). The lane, bordered by a ditch, has remained relatively rural. It was once bordered by elm trees, a species now represented only by suckers, but hawthorn and sallow are common. Intermittent springs keep the area damp. The soil rests on heavy clay and although there has probably been a seat at Kimbers since the fifteenth century, oak woods continuous with Windsor Forest must have covered the area.

I have not actively collected but have attempted to name anything which caught my attention. For a thirty-year period the list is very short; I have in fact been very desultory in writing down the records but it is possible that at least a few of them will add a dot to a distribution map.

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CARABIDAE

Cychrus caraboides (L.) – viii.1968.

Carabus violaceus L. – regular resident, also one in toilet basin. 31.vii.1994.

Leistus ferrugineus (L.) – in barbecue pit, 28.iv.1984.

L. rufomarginatus Duft. – found dead in herbaceous border, 13.xii.1992.

Notiophilus biguttatus (Fabr.) – very common on lawn and bare damp soil.

Bembidion biguttatum (Fabr.) – under log in adjacent field subject to flooding, 25.ii.1979.

Badister bipustulatus (Fabr.) – 6.v.1990.

Harpalus affinis (Schrank) – fragment in hall, viii.1994.

H. rubripes (Duft.) – in house (usually on sandy, chalky or gravelly soil).

Bradycellus verbasci (Duft.) – at light, 25.viii.1990; in house, 8.viii.1992; numerous at light between 10 and 11pm, early viii.1994.

Amara ovata (Fabr.) – 3.i.1990 (tibiae dark but narrow shape).

A. aulica (Panz.) – vii.1991.

Pterostichus madidus (Fabr.) – very common.

Calathus fuscipes (Goeze) – 8.x.1991.

C. melanocephalus (L.) – in web, 25.viii.1990.

Dromius quadrinotatus (Panz.) – dead in branchlet of privet, i.1991; 1994.

Metabletus foveatus (Geoffr.) – on white wall, 1.vi.1994.

DYTISCIDAE

Agabus nebulosus (Forst.) – small pond reservoir of garden fountain, 24.vi.1994.

A. bipustulatus (L.) – ditto, 24.vi.1994; flying, 28.vii.1981.

Ilybius fuliginosus (Fabr.) – dead in sunroom, 1994.

Colymbetes fuscus (L.) – 24.viii.1994; 6.xi.1994.

HYDROPHILIDAE

Helophorus aequalis Thomson – under stones around fountain, on car roof
(*Ent. mon. Mag.* **119**: 110 (1983) & **129**: 118 (1993)).

H. brevipalpis Bedel – with last.

H. minutus Fabr. – with last.

SCYDMAENIDAE

Scydmaenus tarsatus Müll. & Kunze – 17.vi.1981; 15.viii.1981.

STAPHYLINIDAE

Proteinus ovalis Steph. – in fungus, x.1991.

Phloeonomus punctipennis (Thomson) – under bark of old wet logs of *Pinus radiata*, 10.iv.1994.

Carpelimus pusillus (Grav.) – under bark, 20.iv.1994.

Oxytelus sculpturatus Grav. – 30.i.1991.

Stenus similis (Herbst) – 5.vii.1991.

Ocyopus ater Grav. – dead in garden, viii. 1989; sunroom, 24.iv.1994.

O. morsitans Rossi (= *compressus* Marsh.) – at light, 16.viii.1991.

O. olens (Müll.) – Common.

Tachyporus chrysomelinus (L.) – in house, 26.i.1991.

Tachinus rufipes (Degeer) – vii.1983, in house; 27.vii.1994.

HISTERIDAE

Hister merdarius Hoffm. – 13.v.1965.

LYCIDAE

Platycis minutus (Fabr.) – on tomato leaves in vegetable patch, 16.viii.1993
(Notable B).

MALACHIIDAE

Malachius bipustulatus (L.) – on nettles, 6.v.1990.

Anthocomus fasciatus (L.) – bathroom, 24.iv.1966.

ELATERIDAE

Athous haemorrhoidalis (Fabr.) – Spring Hill, *Juncus* patch, 27.iv.1990.

Agriotes acuminatus (Steph.) – ditto.

A. lineatus (L.) – hibernating in sunroom, 5.ii.1994.

BUPRESTIDAE

Agrilus pannonicus (Pill. & Mitt.) – dead in sunroom, 19.vii.1991, (Notable
A) (*Ent. mon. Mag.* **128**: 184 (1992)).

DERMESTIDAE

Attagenus pellio (L.) – in house, frequent.

Megatoma undata (L.) – in house, 19.vi.1972.

Anthrenus verbasci (L.) – very abundant in house, attics etc.

A. fuscus Ol. – 13.vi.1965, on *Heracleum*, 18.vii.1981.

BYRRHIDAE

Byrrhus pilula L. – in dustbin, 1.vii.1985; under stone near folly, 22.iv.1994.

NITIDULIDAE

Brachypterus glaber (Steph.) – abundant on nettles every year.

Meligethes aeneus (Fabr.) – 27.viii.1984, vast numbers mostly in yellow flowers, *Spartium* etc., 14.vii.1985.

M. flavimanus Steph. – 10.vi.1994.

Epuraea aestiva (L.) – 12.iv.1992.

RHIZOPHAGIDAE

Rhizophagus bipustulatus (Fabr.) – xii.1964.

CRYPTOPHAGIDAE

Cryptophagus scanicus (L.) – in stored apples, 23.iv.1994.

Antherophagus nigricornis (Fabr.) – on bramble, 15.vi.1990.

LATHRIDIIDAE

Aridius nodifer (Westwood) – vi.1981; 9.v.1981.

A. bifasciatus (Reitter) – ix.1965; vi.1981; in study, 2.vii.1990.

Lathridius anthracinus (Mann.) – in bathroom, 4.viii.1992.

MYCETOPHAGIDAE

Pseudotriphyllus suturalis (Fabr.) – x.1991.

Litargus connexus (Geoffr.) – 1977.

Mycetophagus quadripustulatus (L.) – one in a blewitt, 27.viii.1984.

COLYDIIDAE

Aulonium trisulcum (Geoffr.) – flying, 20.vii.1977 (Notable A) (*Ent. mon. Mag.* **114**: 16 (1979)).

ENDOMYCHIDAE

Endomychus coccineus (L.) – under elm bark, viii.1966, 27.iii.1967.

COCCINELLIDAE

Subcoccinella vigintiquattuorpunktata (L.) – Spring Hill, marshy ground, 14.v.1990.

Rhizobius litura (Fabr.) – Spring Hill, marshy ground with *Juncus*, 27.iv.1990, 7.v.1990.

Tytthaspis sedecimpunctata (L.) – in lawn, 7.v.1990; Spring Hill, in *Juncus* tussocks, 27.iv.1990; pine needle litter on sunroom roof (dead), 25.i.1992.

Adalia decempunctata (L.) – 30.iv.1990, 25.vii.1990.

A. bipunctata (L.) – common every year, red on black 11.iii.1990, species less common than 7-spot, formerly hibernated in bedrooms in numbers but double-glazing and central heating has nearly stopped this.

Coccinella septempunctata L. – very common every year, hibernating 17.ii.1990 then active 23.ii.1990, vast numbers *in cop*, 30.iii.1990.

Harmonia quadripunctata (Pont.) – 25.vi.1990.

Psyllobora vigintiduopunctata (L.) – 25.vi.1990, Spring Hill, on thistles, 16.vii.1990.

Propylea quattuordecimpunctata (L.) – common every year on nettles.

Exochomus quadripustulatus (L.) – on small Christmas tree planted after use for decoration, 11.iii.1990.

LYCTIDAE

Lyctus brunneus Steph. – 27.x.1979.

ANOBIIDAE

Xestobium rufovillosum (De Geer) – old beam lying in lower pasture field, 21.iii.1967, 21.v.1967.

Anobium punctatum (De Geer) – old beams in house, constantly about.

Ptilinus pectinicornis (L.) – from elm log in log bin, 21.v.1984.

OEDEMERIDAE

Ischnomera cyanea (Fabr.) (probably) – on *Robinia*, 18.vi.1985 (Notable B).

PYTHIDAE

Lissodema quadripustulatum (Marsh.) – elm log infested with *Ptilinus*, 20.v.1984.

Rhinosimus planirostris (Fabr.) – on dead *Eucryphia* and numerous under bark, 6.iii.1983; ditto, with mites, 10.vii.1992.

PYROCHROIDAE

Pyrochroa serraticornis (Scop.) – mostly on nettles, 21.v.1981, 27.v.1985, 14.vi.1986, 25.v.1987, 17.v.1990, 5.vi.1994.

MORDELLIDAE

Mordellistena pumila (Gyll.) – on oak and *Vicia*, 5.vi.1965.

SCRAPTIIDAE

Anaspis frontalis (L.) – recorded.

A. garneysi Fowler – 27.iii.1990.

A. pulicaria Costa – v.1992.

A. geoffroyi Müll. – wall of house, 18.vi.1981.

A. maculata Geoffr. – in house, 29.iii.1992.

MELANDRYIDAE

Melandrya caraboides (L.) – under log near stream, 20.v.1966.

LAGRIIDAE

Lagria hirta (L.) – at light, 16.vii.1994.

TENEBRIONIDAE

Scaphidema metallicum (Fabr.) – under bark, iii.1966.

Corticeus bicolor (Ol.) – 1977.

Tenebrio molitor L. – in study, 18.vii.1994.

SCARABAEIDAE

Aphodius rufipes (L.) – garage, 22.xi.1981.

A. contaminatus (Herbst.) – on damp washing, 2.x.1994.

Trox scaber (L.) – at light, 12.vii.1983.

Serica brunnea (L.) – wine store, 22.vii.1984.

Melolontha melolontha (L.) – only two seen in 30 years, 10.v.89, one in house, 9/10.v.1994.

LUCANIDAE

Lucanus cervus (L.) – in garden, Kimbers Lane and Spring Hill, 20.vi.1981 (male), 5.vii.1981 (female, eaten by magpie), 23.vi.1985 (female), 15.viii.1985 (female), 5.ix.1986 (female), 3.vii.1990 (female), 10.vii.1990 (male), 27.viii.1990 (females), vi.1991 (female), none seen in 1994, (Notable B) (*Ent. mon. Mag.* **124**: 36 (1988); **126**: 196 (1990)).

Dorcus parallelipipedus (L.) – a regular resident and often plentiful, old logs in garden, 24.ix.1966 (female), 30.vii.1967 (female), 2.vi.1984 (male), 10.vii.1985, on wall, 19.vii.1988, Spring Hill, old elm stumps riddled with holes, 16-17.v.1990, 11.v.1991.

CERAMBYCIDAE

Molorchus minor (L.) – on paeony bud.

Clytus arietis (L.) – once present every year but not seen recently although the vast area of brambles would appear to be very suitable for it.

Anaglyptus mysticus (L.) – in house, probably from elm log, 5.v.1984; garden, 25.v.1992 (*in cop*), 5.vi.1993 (Notable B).

Pogonocherus hispidus (L.) – 20.ix.1972.

Grammoptera ruficornis (Fabr.) – every year on hawthorn in mid-May.

Phytoecia cylindrica (L.) – 27.iv.1990 (Notable B) (*Ent. mon. Mag.* **127**: 143 (1991)).

Tetrops praeusta (L.) – dead in sunroom, 10.vi.1994.

CHRYSOMELIDAE

Lema cyanella (L.) – under elm bark, 7.xi.1981; Spring Hill, under *Juncus*, 27.iv.1990.

Lilioceris lili (Scop.) – 15.v.1983, not seen again until outbreak on lilies in tub, 23-24.vii.1994.

Chrysolina staphylaea (L.) – 18.ix.1992.

C. oricalcia (Müll.) – on *Anthriscus*, 14.vi.1985; in house, 17.ix.1989 (Notable B) (*Ent. mon. Mag.* **129**: 243 (1993)).

Cassida rubiginosa Müll. – on spear thistle.

CURCULIONOIDEA

Rhynchites aequatus (L.) – recorded.

Apion curtirostre Germar. – on *Trifolium*, 4.vi.1965; on oak and *Vicia* 5.vi.1965.

A. seniculus Kirby – on *Trifolium*, 4.vi.1965; on *Vicia* and oak, 5.vi.1965.

- A. carduorum* Kirby – recorded.
A. apricans Herbst. – on *Trifolium* 4.vi.1965.
A. assimile Kirby – on *Trifolium*, 4.vi.1965.
Otiorynchus rugosostriatus (Goeze) – 1977.
O. sulcatus (Fabr.) – sunroom, 15.vi.1986.
Phyllobius virideaeris sensu Joy – on oak and *Vicia*, 5.vi.1965.
P. pyri (L.) – on *Vicia* and oak, 5.vi.1965; in paeony flowers, 7.v.1991;
 Spring Hill, abundant on white poplar, 27.iv.1990.
P. pomaceus Gyll. – on *Vicia* and oak, 5.vi.1965.
Barynotus obscurus (Fabr.) – on wall, 8.vii.1991.
Sitona hispidulus (Fabr.) – 25.v.1991.
Euophryum confine (Broun) – on front door, 6.vi.1982, 5.vi.1993.
Dorytomus taeniatus (Fabr.) – on willow, 1977.
D. dejeani Faust. – Spring Hill, *Juncus* site, 27.iv.1990.
Anthonomus pomorum (L.) – recorded.
Balanobius salicivorus (Payk.) – 16.v.1992.
Hylobius abietis (L.) – 5.vi.1992.
Liosoma deflexum (Panz.) – on garage wall, 24.iv.1990.
Cidnorhinus quadrimaculatus (L.) – 3.vi.1965, 13.v.1990.
Ceutorhynchus pollinarius (Forst.) – 7.v.1990.
Gymnetron pascuorum (Gyll.) – on oak and *Vicia*, 25.vi.1965.
Cionus tuberculatus (Scop.) – Spring Hill, *Juncus* site, 27.iv.1990.
C. scrophulariae (L.) – Spring Hill, *Juncus* site, 27.iv.1990; garden and
 neighbouring ditch, on *Scrophularia*, occurs most years.
Rhynchaenus alni (L.) – on *Vicia* and oak, 5.vi.1965.
Scolytus scolytus (Fabr.) – elm hedge, mid 1960s.
Hylastes ater (Payk.) – 11.x.1991; on washing 13.iii.1993; in house with
 mite 25.iv.1993; garden under *Pinus radiata* log, 28.x.1993.
H. attenuatus Erichson – on washing, 30.iv.1993; in house, 10.v.1993.

Migrant insects in 1995

Although very few records of migrant insects have reached the offices of the *Record* it is clear some species have had a very good year – and at the time of writing the autumn influxes are still to come. Elsewhere in this issue we record the third British record of the pyralid *Etiella zinckenella* Treits. and the third record this century of the noctuid *Acontia lucida* Hufn. Even *The Times* of 10th August 1995 carried a feature entitled *Heatwave prompts an invasion of long-lost butterflies*. An interesting aspect of this article was the source of information, particularly for sightings of the Camberwell Beauty, *Nymphalis antiopa*. Many of the records came from the *Bird Information Centre* and, as illustrated below, the *Rare Bird Alert*. Dutch entomologists, who have similarly seen many migrant *antiopa* in Holland have recorded the sightings on the Internet – the international computer network. In addition to sightings of the Camberwell Beauty, *The Times* article carries reports of over 70 Yellow-winged Darter Dragonflies (*Sympetrum flaveolum* Muller) from